

Bear Lake Wilderness Camp

BEAR HUNTS

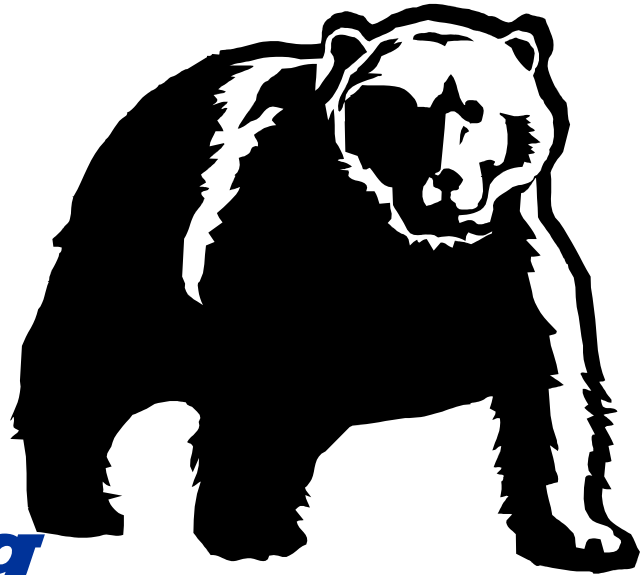
Hunt over baits from Tree Stands and Ground Blinds

FISH – HUNT COMBO PACKAGE

Housekeeping Cabins and
American Plan available

Fantastic Fishing

Over 35+ lakes for Smallmouth, Largemouth, Brook Trout, Northern Pike, Walleye, Whitefish, Lake Trout and Perch.



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The Drane Family
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Fall Bear Hunt

\$ 1675

Pkg is a 7 Day Guided Hunt (Sat – Sat). Includes all Baits, Cabin, Boat, Motor, and all the Gas you need.

Fishing included free

U.S. FUNDS (Sales Tax Extra)

Website: <http://www.blwc.com>

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Bear Hunting 2012

Aug 18 - Aug 25. First week of Archery. Bow & Crossbow only

Aug 25 - Sep 01. Last week of Archery Only. Bow & Crossbow only

Sep 01 - Sep 08. Opening week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

Sep 08 - Sep 15. Second week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

Sep 15 - Sep 22. Third week of Gun & Black Powder also Archery

Sep 22 - Sep 29. Last week of Bear Hunting for 2012.

ARCHERY ONLY

GUN BLACK POWDER OR ARCHERY

2012 Bear Hunting Weeks

Our season starts with two weeks of Archery only weeks. Crossbows are considered bows and are welcome as well. In fact, bows do not have to be registered at the border like guns do. Hunters are limited to just 8 per week.

All Archers will have to qualify at 20 yards before being allowed to hunt. This may seem unfair, but if you can't hit a pie plate at 20 yards you are doing yourself and the bear a disservice.

The first week of September starts our Gun hunting weeks. Archers are still welcome. We have separate areas for them. These are good weeks for groups that have both gun and bow hunters. Like Archery weeks, Hunters are limited to just 8 per week. When we get between 32 – 35 hunters for the season, we will close the season off to new bookings.

Be prepared to hunt on Sat. This is a true 7 day hunt and as soon as we get your orientation and your equipment issued to you; you will be placed on baits that very afternoon. Many bear are taken on Saturday as there is less scent in the woods.

We are very a “Hands On” Lodge. We will monitor your hunt by radio and will patrol the lake system to aid you with your bear and guide you home each night.



Cast & Blast Special

(9/15 - 9/29) 2012

\$585 pp (Save \$100+)



Combine Fishing with hunting for Ducks, Geese, and Grouse.

We have a **65 – 70 % Harvest Rate**. This does not count any bears with non-lethal wounds that can't be retrieved, passed up bears, or missed shots. We hear a lot of outfitters boast 90% & up. Their inflated numbers generally include a lot of explaining with counting missed shots and passed up bears.

With the number of misses it would be tempting to count missed shots / missed opportunities. We don't and won't do that. We try to give you as honest picture of what to expect as we can. We post our numbers every year here and with the MNR.

According to the Ministry of Natural Resources the success rate on Bear is 25%. If this is true how can all these other outfitters claim to be 100%?

Fall Bear Hunting

At Bear Lake we offer "Fall" Bear Hunting. While, Ontario has cancelled their Spring Bear Hunts, this has provided for more opportunities (with more bears!) for Fall Hunters.

Ontario hunters used to take approximately 15,000 bears during each Spring Bear Hunt. It has been many years since Ontario's last Spring Bear Hunt. That equates to over 75,000 additional Bears roaming the woods.

Advantages of Fall Bear Hunting

- **No mosquitoes or black flies.** There is no need to wrap yourself up with mosquito netting and duct tape.
- **Bigger and better Bear.** Bear are 30% larger in the fall and the quality of their meat is much better.
- **Better hides.** A spring bear has been laying on its fur all winter. There are bald spots and the fur is thinner. In fall, the bear's fur is full and has a neat black luster to it.
- **The weather is great** and the fishing is fantastic too.
- **You can break up your day.** Fish in the morning and hunt afternoon till dark.

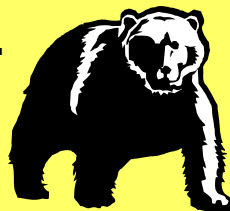
In order to hunt in Ontario, you must bring a copy of an expired or new US Hunting License.

Note – Children under 16 will not be allowed to bring in a gun or obtain a hunting license.

Note – **Hand Guns are illegal in Canada.** Do not bring them. This is a serious offense.

Getting a Bear (all included)

- We track & retrieve your bear.**
- We Field Dress it.**
- Transport it back to camp.**
- Skin the Bear for you.**
- Prep & Package the Trophy & Meat.**
- Freeze your Trophy & Meat solid.**



CANADIAN GUN LAWS

Canada has enacted strict laws with respect to the importing, exporting, possession, use, storage, display and transportation of firearms. Since these are federal laws, they apply across the country.

You **must** fill out a **Non-Resident Firearm Declaration Form**; the form will be your temporary firearms license while you are in Canada.

At Bear Lake we make sure that your trip through customs is a breeze. We mail you a complete prep packet that has all the forms that you need for customs. You will also get maps of the area, packing lists, and a primer on how to hunt black bear.

WHAT TO EXPECT TAGS / LICENSES ETC

Gun Registration Fee. Collected at the border by Canadian Customs. Bows are exempt from this fee.

\$25 CAD \$25 USD

Bear License \$219 CAD \$212 USD

Small Game \$ 110 CAD \$107 USD

Fishing (C) \$ 30 CAD \$29 USD

Export Tag \$ 35 CAD \$34 USD

Distance / Driving Time

City	ST	Miles	Hours
Buffalo	NY	371	6.50
Charleston	WV	800	12.87
Chicago	IL	635	10.25
Cincinnati	OH	728	11.40
Cleveland	OH	560	9.33
Columbus	OH	675	10.87
Detroit	MI	490	7.85
Grand Rapids	MI	443	7.28
Harrisburg	PA	679	11.33
Lansing	MI	425	7.08
Lexington	KY	812	12.66
Louisville	KY	797	12.33
Nashville	TN	965	14.75
Pittsburgh	PA	588	9.75



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Bear Hunts



Baiting is Essential

It all begins with Baiting, Baiting, and more Baiting. We start baiting our stands in mid July which is at least 30 days before the season starts. We bait each bait site / stand almost every day. Most outfitters only bait 2 -3 times per week. This early and frequent baiting sets you up for success. We bait by boat because none of our baits are accessible by road or logging trail. This means more work for us but better hunts for you. You won't have ATV's, vehicles, or people coming into your hunting area.

Archery is our Specialty

We love archers and they do very well at Bear Lake. We start our fall season mid August with two weeks of Archery (Only) hunts. This allows the archer to get closer to the bears before gun season starts. We also maintain a small archery range with 3D targets and elevated stands that help the archer's shot placement and accuracy. The average shot distance for our bow stands is about 20 yards. The height of our stands are generally 10 – 14 feet high.

Gun Hunting

Our gun hunts start the first full week of September. This lets the weather cool and gives us two more weeks to bait prior to your arrival. We maintain separate archery and gun stands, so you will be hunting a fresh stand / blind. We will have four weeks of Gun Season (weapon of choice). We have eliminated the less productive weeks and hunt only the prime weeks. Most any 30 caliber rifle, 12 gauge, or muzzle loader works well. A heavy grain bullet is recommended as your shots will be 60 yards or less. Low power scopes are recommended but open sights work wells also. Both stands and ground blinds are available.

Hunting Adventure

Your adventure begins when we pick you up lakeside in Whitefish Falls on Saturday. We will transport you and your party via speedboat out 15+ miles to our island. We will off-load your gear at your groups cabin and let you get settled. We don't mix groups.

Once you get settled, we will give you an in-depth orientation on Bear Hunting, shot selection and judging size. We also have an extensive question and answer session. We will pair you up with a party member and issue you your boats. We will take you to your stand and give you an in-depth area recon.

We offer you a full 7 day Hunt; so you will be on baited stands Saturday – Friday. When you get a bear, you will call us on the radio. Our guides are out on the lake monitoring your hunt by boat to avoid getting scent in your area. The guide will go to your stand and assist you with your Bear. Unlike a lot of lodges / outfitters we take a more hands-on approach. Our guides will help you

track and retrieve your Bear, field dress the bear, and transport it back to camp. We will skin and butcher your bear. We will package the meat, prepare your trophy, and freeze it for your trip home.

This is all included in the price of your Hunt!!

FALL BEAR HUNTS

Fall bear hunts in our opinion are better than spring hunts. You don't have to contend with black flies and mosquitoes. The weather is very pleasant and the bear hides are much better.

The biggest difference is bear behavior. In the fall, bears are less territorial and are apt to travel quite a bit. They are looking for food like berries or something sweet to add weight for the long winter. We use baits that appeal to their cravings with sweet baits with vanilla, honey, and caramel. It may sound a bit odd, but it is a proven winner. If you smell it, imagine how far the scent will travel.

OUR LOCATION

Our bear management area nestles right up to Killarney Provincial Park. We view this park as our own private 40-mile square game preserve. We have been very successful getting bears to our baits. Our location is not accessible by road. We are surrounded by water and miles away from the nearest road. Our proximity to Killarney and our remote location make for a great combination.

TROPHY OPPORTUNITES

Bears grow big in this wild country and many reach 300-400 lbs. The average weight of bears taken the last 15 years has been about 225 lbs. Many get 300-400 lbs with the largest being 500+ lbs. We average about a 65-70% success or harvest rate.

IN GENERAL

Good Shots are essential. Remember, because of the bush density and the bear being a sturdy and vigorous animal, first shots have to count, as second shots are difficult to get. This means that you need to spend time at the range. Your gun and / or bow should be sighted in. This will help insure your success and fewer wounded bears.

Scent Control is extremely important. The nose on a black bear is 40 times greater than a deer. So remember to take care of your scent. Scent Lok type clothing and scent eliminators like Dead Downwind really help. Clothes should be laundered in scent free soap and stored for travel. Boots with rubber soles leave less scent and are recommended. If you smoke, your odds of getting a bear are greatly reduced. Many hunters uses nicotine patches, gum or inhalers.

WHAT WE OFFER

We offer you a Quality (7 Day) Hunt over baited stands with your friends in a remote area that holds one of the concentrated Bear populations in North America today. We give you a High Quality Hunt with great guides, good equipment, and nice accommodations. We ensure your success by taking a limited number of hunter each week / year. So Book Early!!



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RESERVATIONS

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